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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor of Applicant)
Yasugaku TAKAHASHI) Art Group: 1753
Serial No.: 09/268,948)
Filing Date: March 16, 1999)
Title: IRON NITRITE FILM HAVING) Examiner: G. CANTELMO
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 22, 2001, having a due date of August 22, 2001, which has been extended by three months by the contemporaneously filed Petition of Extension of Time, now having a due date of Friday, November 23, 2001 (due to the Thanksgiving holiday), Applicant hereby submits the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and RCE.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments that would speed prosecution of this case, he is invited to call the undersigned at 219/485-6001.

Respectfully submitted,

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